

Application No. 09/618,326
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 dated August 26, 2005
Reply to Notice of Allowance of June 6, 2005

REMARKS

Status Of Application

Claims 52 and 56-65 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 52 and 56-65 are allowed.

Change in Inventorship

Due to the cancellation of claims 1-51 and 53-55 by an Amendment mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on April 13, 2005 (filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on April 18, 2005), the inventorship of the above identified application has changed. The remaining claims 52 and 56-65 are the sole invention of Kenji TAKADA. Accordingly, Yoshio HAGIHARA should be removed as an inventor from this application.

Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), please amend the inventorship of the above-referenced application by removing Yoshio HAGIHARA as an inventor, leaving Kenji TAKADA as sole inventor.

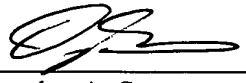
This Amendment Processing fee in the amount of \$130.00 is to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 as noted in the Transmittal of Issue Fee.

This Amendment is being presented promptly after the discovery of the need therefor. This Amendment does not affect the scope of the claims, does not introduce any new matter, does not present any new issue, does not require any additional search, and will not present an undue burden on the personnel of the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

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This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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